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January 10, 2007

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 10560584 in the amount of \$1,600.00 has been denied .

See preliminary amendment dated 5/23/06, claim 10 which states "any one of claims "1 to 9". This statement is a multiple claim therefore additional fees are due.

Sincerely,

  
RITA WHITE  
PCT - National  
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12-19-06

Docket No.: 2870-0319PUS1  
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Hideo TASHIRO et al.

Application No.: 10/560,584

Confirmation No.: 6678

Filed: May 23, 2006

Art Unit: N/A

For: SUBSTRATE FOR BIOMOLECULE  
MICROARRAY, BIOMOLECULE  
MICROARRAY, DEVICE AND METHOD OF  
PROMOTING INTERACTION AND METHOD  
OF DETECTING INTERACTION

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**REQUEST FOR REFUND**  
**(IMPROPER CHARGE OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT)**

MS 16  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I. REFUND REQUEST

This is a request for a refund with respect to the charge to Deposit Account 02-2448 shown on the statement for the month of November 2006 for the above-identified

☒ application

☐ patent

☒ A copy of the monthly statement in which the error referred to occurs, accompanies this request.

Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP

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## II. FEES CHARGED FOR WHICH REFUND REQUESTED

AMOUNT OF  
REFUND  
REQUESTED

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|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> filing fee  | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> search fee  | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> examination fee   | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> surcharge for filing the basic filing<br>on a date later than the filing date of<br>the application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)) | _____ |

and/or

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| <input type="checkbox"/> surcharge for filing the oath or declaration<br>on a date later than the filing date of the<br>application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)) | _____             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> extension of term  |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> first month  | _____             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> second month   | _____             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> third month  | _____             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fourth month   | _____             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excess claims   | <u>\$1,600.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> issue fee  | _____             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> petition fee   | _____             |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | patent maintenance fee           | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | patent maintenance fee surcharge | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other:                           | _____ |
|                          |                                  | _____ |
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TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED

\$1,600.00

## III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR

When the English translation of the specification for the present application was filed on May 23, 2006, we filed a Preliminary Amendment to remove improper multiple dependencies and submitted the fee of \$2,010.00 (\$1,250.00 for excess claims of 25, \$400.00 for two extra independent claims, and \$360.00 for the multiple dependent claims). Accordingly, \$1,600.00 for the excess claims fee is not necessary.

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IV. MANNER OF REFUND

Please make refund by crediting Account No. 02-2448.

We respectfully request that the attached copy of this letter be returned to us with an indication that the credit has been processed.

Dated: December 19, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

By   
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8-Nov	2	10560584	2870-0319PUS1	1615	\$1,600.00	\$37,381.00

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